

## Harding Avows U. S. Won't Fail Humanity

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failed, their failure would have no weakened the forces of liberty and enlightenment that these would have been doomed, in the more recent world trial, to failure and defeat. A divided America would have been incapable of the effort that was demanded to hold our present-day civilization secure.

The heroic dead, for whom the day was originated, preserved the ark of the covenant of union and nationality, and in that service they made possible the exalted peace so recently won for our country. Our own generation will not perform part worthy of its heritage if we do less than our very utmost to preserve that which they made possible for us to possess.

Nay, more, we shall not be our most and best at home if we do not resolve for all time that the differences which brought us to civil conflict were due to ambiguities in our Union and the disputes between two schools of political thought, and when we made union indissoluble and the nation supreme, we left our people one flag, one purpose, one pride, and one destiny.

### Loyalty to Self First

In such a view, we must see that our opportunity to be useful to mankind at large depends first on being loyal to ourselves. No ideal of generosity to all men can justify neglect first to make ourselves strong, firm, secure, in behalf of our own people. We cannot hope to carry the wider responsibilities if we have not first proved our capacity to meet the narrower ones. It is our wish to be useful in the great world, but if we are to do so, we must have no question of our devotion to the great principles for which these gave their lives in the struggle which saved the Union and rededicated it forever to liberty.

I counsel no selfishness, no little Americanism, no mere parochialism. When I urge our first duty is to our own, and that in the measure of its performance we will find the true gauge of our capacity to be helpful to others.

It is a good thing to come to this consecrated place and renew the pledges of our loyalty to those whose patriotism gave us our strength and opportunity. They did not know, they could not know, what great things they were laying the foundations. Yet their instinct rightly led them to the judgment that their first duty was to preserve the institution of popular rule, of national solidarity. They did not enter upon the war among the States with primary purpose to end the institution of human slavery. Worthy as that might have been, their inspiration was higher.

They sought first to maintain the union, to keep it a power for the advancement of America and humanity, confident that if they won all other right things in due time would be achieved. They were right; in the end slavery received its decree of banishment from this continent and at last from the world.

But let me repeat, that great achievement for which they gained the aim with which they entered upon our internecine struggle. They were called to prevent secession, to save the national union. They believed that the institutions of this country were good; that they deserved to be preserved; that they were worth supreme effort, even all of life itself. In making that effort and that sacrifice, they did far more than save what had already been gained; they made possible to slavery to be ended for ever.

### Free Peoples Fought Autocracies

It was the same in the more recent war of the free peoples against the autocracies of the world. In its beginning, men fought to protect that which they already had. Their countries' lives were at stake; their rights as free men were menaced and for these they went forth to battle. There was no thought of crusading for the freedom of a world of emancipating distant peoples, of rendering a noble service to the enemy who had attacked them. They had no time and small disposition to indulge altruism.

Yet, as in the case of our Civil War, they won far more than they had sought in the beginning. They won for themselves, their homes, their countries, and in doing so they destroyed well-nigh the last remnants of the mistaken doctrine of divine right to rule. They gained the victory for their own grateful countries and with it they won, for those whom they defeated, the opportunity of establishing free institutions, of planting democracies where absolutism had held sway, of making the people sovereign.

True, they were able only to afford opportunity for this great advance. They could not force free institutions upon the crushed and broken enemy; they could not insure that those institutions would be permanent, even if experimentally adopted. Freedom is not to be crowded upon those who will not have it; but the privilege of adopting and having and enjoying it—that privilege was opened wide to the vanquished communities which had sought to take it from others.

We do not yet know certainly whether the defeated and unwilling beneficiaries will be able to grasp this boon. We cannot tell whether they will pay the price required to maintain the freedom to which the door

has been opened. We do know and we take pride that our sons and brothers afforded them the opportunity.

### Symbols of Blood and Fire

Thus we see that, whether in our civil struggle or in the World War, the triumph of the right inevitably implies gains that sweep far beyond the immediate issue. Those heroes of the Civil War which sleep about us here wrote that lesson in symbols of blood and fire, where all men might read. And they did yet more. They taught the lesson of a great community making its fight for freedom an exclusive business of the whole people.

Never before had there been an example, on such a scale, of the entire human and industrial power of a people being cast into the common cause. Wars had largely been provoked by financial interests, by the desire for power, by the desire for wealth, by the desire for glory, by the desire for power, by the desire for wealth, by the desire for glory. Here was found a nation struggling for the cause of its very all of human resources, of industrial power, of faith in its mission and its future, in order that it might maintain its ideal. It accomplished that which experts and economists deemed as the impossible. It defied the edict that economic exhaustion and financial disabilities must prevent a decisive victory.

It demonstrated that the wealth and resources of a nation lie not in acres and bushels, in bank balances and tonnage, in taxable wealth and going business, but rather in the sinews and souls of its inspired people. And there in the example of our fraternal struggle for light the lesson which later moved agonized civilization to reject an indecisive peace.

No much, and vastly more, we owe a debt to those who won the peace of union and liberty. It is a debt that has not yet been discharged in full; a debt on which every succeeding generation can hope only to pay its installment; for it obliges us and those after us to maintain for this people the high estate which they established. We never will yield ought of what they won for us. Forbidden by the law of life and institutions, we cannot stand still. We must always move forward, along the upward path they marked for us. No less is possible unless we would renounce the debt they laid upon us, whose covenant they sealed in their blood.

### U. S. Cannot Evade Leadership

This appraising and thus acknowledging our responsibility, we will do well to consider the particular burdens it lays upon us. We look about us on a world troubled and torn, groping for a way back to light and opportunity. We find ourselves, as a people, occupying a place of vast responsibility in that world. We stand among the leaders to whom it looks for guidance and direction.

We are blessed with wealth, with the institutions of freedom, with the magnificent tradition that comes to us from those whom today we honor. We cannot evade, if we would, for mankind is fallen on times when there is no hope for it if some community view isolation while others indulge unrestrained ambition for empire. Civilization must face disaster if there shall be denial either of common responsibility, or of essential equality among sovereign states and persons.

We have heard much about the danger of winning the war and losing the peace. But is there not, in the example of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, a lofty inspiration to the same singleness of purpose, the same readiness to sink individual for the sake of general good, that moved them? Though they were not trained to military forms and evolutions, yet they learned to stand together in unbroken line, to move as unitaries, to forget the individual for the sake of the mass.

Unification in Peace

Surely there is no reason why peace may not achieve discipline, unification, directness of purpose, as war does. It requires the same submergence of selfish ends, the same relinquishment of the merely personal gratifications, the same regard for the common interest. I am not counseling surrendered independence. Our maintained freedom is the source of our might. Only the American conscience may command this republic.

It is, indeed, a very different matter to achieve the discipline that peace demands. There is not the urge of instant danger, the rigor of authority to overcome that danger. It is useful to bring into obligation the thoughtless mind, the indolent disposition, the easy quest of pleasure, the lust of gains, the aspiration for power and personal satisfaction. It is required to substitute saving for thoughtless spending, thrift for waste, unceasing productive effort for the simple expedient of spending the shortest time and least energy on the job.

During the war, when we were all intent on the great business of winning, we saw this discipline established in mine, factory and farm operations. We worried not a little about how extravagant we were; but, on the other hand, we all turned in

and worked, and we made those years of the war period marvels of productivity despite that millions of workers were in the uniform and other millions were engaged in the special industries which war necessitated. With the return of peace this industrial discipline was thrown aside; not only in our country but in every country that was in the war.

### Ought to Move Forward

A breakdown of morale accompanied it, and we find ourselves halting when we ought to move forward. We need a patriotism resolute in peace as well as a patriotism resolute in war. Nowhere were men prepared to cope with the new problems of peace; nowhere were they less prepared than in this country. But if we had failed to set up the machinery for liquidation of war conditions, we nevertheless came out with our producing organization less wrecked and shaken than was that of the European countries. Our soil had not been invaded; our people had not suffered the physical privations which were visited upon great communities elsewhere. We came forth with better credit, sounder currency, and a ratio of debt far less than those of either allied or enemy states.

Though our sorrows seemed measureless, we were more lightly touched, and for griefs incurable there was compensation. We found the soul of America, we have the reborn spirit of the republic.

I know the aching hearts. It requires nearness to measure the burden of grief. Only a few days ago I saw more than five thousand draped coffins, tenanted with the heroic dead. There was mute eloquence in protesting war, theirs was supreme appeal for war's avoidance.

### Answers Humanity's Call

The way to preserve honor without material wastefulness the costlier human sacrifice would be the surer passing memorial tribute. We may not bestow it today, but we may fitly resolve that the influence and example of our America shall point the way to such lofty achievement.

In the inspirations that we may gain through today's contemplation of the deeds of these, our heroes of all our wars, we are called to look toward tomorrow's obligations. Our country has never failed to measure up to the demands presented to it in behalf of humanity, and it never will. When it comes to meet these drafts it will no longer be our country; it will be, if that time ever comes, the wretched and decaying memorial of another civilization which has crumbled, of another ideal which has failed, of another ambition for men's happiness which somehow has gone awry.

We feel, age, in our hearts we know, that ours is not to be that fate. We believe that the torch will flame more brightly in our hands, that we will hold it safe and high aloft and that its light will help, at least, to point the way for humanity on its path of safety and in the task of building for all time.

Secretary Weeks and Mrs. Harding were with the President when he reviewed a Memorial Day parade from the steps of the Executive offices. The column was headed by the Third Cavalry and included divisions composed of veterans of the Civil, Spanish and World Wars.

### HARDING SEES BRITISH AND U. S. IDEALS UNITE

Washington, May 30.—(By A. P.)—Installation in the "British shrines of our common patriotism," of the three busts of George Washington presented to the British Government by the American people, attests the common devotion of both nations to the "ideals of liberty, humanity and enlightenment."

President Harding declared in a message to be read today at the simultaneous unveiling of the busts in St. Paul's Cathedral, London; the Town Hall at Liverpool; and at Sulgrave Manor, the Washington ancestral home. Expressing hope that the gift of the busts may "inspire a continued reciprocity of the established friendship of the American people for the British nation," President Harding added:

"Their gracious acceptance for lodgment in the British shrines of our common patriotism cannot but make this occasion a reminder of the sacrifices that in recent times have drawn these two peoples so close together. In the greatest and most unselfish effort that men ever put forth to protect human honor and treasured institutions, they stood shoulder to shoulder. They learned how great a responsibility they shared in the world, how greatly they might discharge it when serving in complete accord and in alliance with other peoples likewise."

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If these memorials shall somewhat contribute to the perpetuation of such noble causes, they will have done for humanity the precise service whose hope is the motive of the gift."

### CAMDEN HONORS HEROES WHO MADE THE SACRIFICE

Veterans of Three Wars Decorate Graves of Comrades

Camden today officially paid honor to the men who fell in battle or fought in the various wars in the last sixty years. The Memorial Committee that was called into the breach when the members of the Grand Army became few, prepared a program that started at 7 o'clock this morning and continued throughout the day.

Early this morning delegations of the Grand Army of the Republic, accompanied by several bands and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Spanish-American War Veterans, American Legion, Sons of Veterans, Boy Scouts, Boys' Brigade and other societies, proceeded to the various cemeteries and placed flowers upon the graves of their fallen comrades and fired salutes in their honor.

Each detail returned to the Soldiers' Monument opposite City Hall on Haddon avenue where exercises were held under the direction of the Citizens' Committee. Flowers were strewn around the monument while the children were singing "Cover Them Over With Beautiful Flowers," followed by the firing of a salute by the guards of the Sons of Veterans. At exercises later held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium addresses were made by Mayor Ellis and Chaplain Charles B. Du Bell.

### NO HOLIDAY FOR MAYOR

Speeches and Celebrations Keep Him on the Jump

While other folks are enjoying a holiday, this is the way the Mayor is celebrating Memorial Day.

At 9 o'clock this morning, he reviewed a parade of naval veterans at City Hall. At 10 o'clock, accompanied by Alpha B. Johnson, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, he escorted the Italian Ambassador, Rolando Rivet, to Independence Square, and delivered an address at the Italian coliseum.

He was then taken to the Paschall Free Library, Seventieth street and Woodland avenue, where he spoke at 11 o'clock in connection with the unveiling of a tablet by the Paschall Victory Association.

At 1 o'clock, he spoke at a luncheon given at the Bellevue-Stratford in honor of the Italian Ambassador.

This afternoon he will escort Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Zionist leader, to Independence Square, where Zionists will participate in special exercises appropriate to Memorial Day. The Mayor will speak at these exercises.

Following a demonstration and parade by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the

Mayor will speak at the presentation of a flagpole at Twenty-sixth and Morris streets.

Again, at 8 o'clock this evening, the Mayor will speak at a banquet in honor of the Italian Ambassador at the Bellevue-Stratford.

### SALZBURG ALL FOR BERLIN

Sentimental Plebiscite is Virtually Unanimous for Fusion

Salzburg, Austria, May 30.—(By A. P.)—In the referendum held here yesterday the vote was virtually unanimous in favor of fusion with Germany.

With 80 per cent of the returns already received, only a few hundred votes were recorded against fusion.

The "sentimental" plebiscite in Salzburg was held despite the disapproval of the central government at Vienna. A similar plebiscite held recently in the Tyrol resulted also in an overwhelming vote for fusion with Germany.

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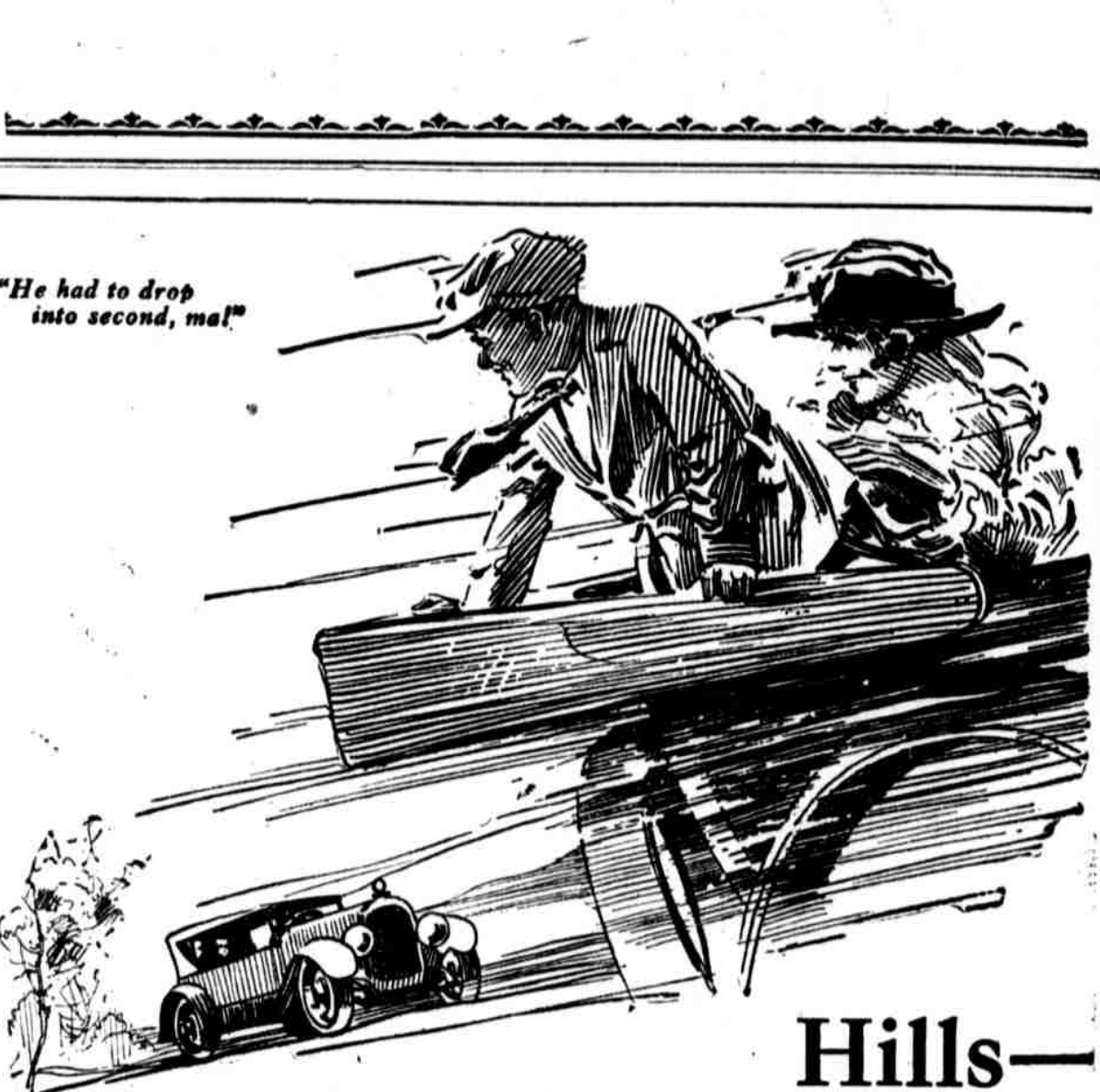
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